

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for automatic health monitoring comprising the steps of:
providing a regularly accessed device;
determining a normal access pattern based upon at least part of a user's history of
accessing the regularly accessed device;
detecting a first access to said regularly accessed device;
determining a time interval in accordance with the normal access pattern;
detecting a second access to said regularly accessed device; and
determining whether said second access is made within said time interval of said first access.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said regularly accessed device is a temperature controlled compartment.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:
signaling, if said second access is not made within said time interval of said first access.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 3 wherein said step of signaling comprises the step of:
sending a signal to a healthcare provider.

Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein said step of sending comprises the step of:
transmitting said signal via a computer network.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:
providing a backup power source configured to power said regularly accessed device.

Claim 7 (currently amended): An automatic health monitoring system comprising:

a regularly accessed device;

an access pattern determiner configured to determine a normal access pattern based upon at least part of a user's history of accessing the regularly accessed device;

an access detection unit configured to detect a first access to said regularly accessed device wherein said access detection unit is further configured to detect a second access to said regularly accessed device;

a time interval determiner configured to determine a time interval based upon the normal access pattern;

a timer configured to monitor ~~a~~the time interval; and

a determination unit configured to determine whether said second access is made within said time interval of said first access.

Claim 8 (original): The automatic health monitoring system of claim 7 wherein said regularly accessed device is a temperature controlled compartment.

Claim 9 (original): The automatic health monitoring system of claim 7 further comprising:

a signal generator configured to signal, if said second access is not made within said time interval of said first access.

Claim 10 (original): The automatic health monitoring system of claim 9 wherein said signal generator comprises:

a transmitter configured to send a signal to a healthcare provider.

Claim 11 (original): The automatic health monitoring system of claim 10 wherein said transmitter transmits said signal via a computer network.

Claim 12 (original): The automatic health monitoring system of claim 7 further comprising:

a backup power source configured to power said regularly accessed device.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A computer program product comprising:

a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein configured to automatically monitor health, said computer program product comprising:

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to interact with a regularly accessed device;

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to determine a normal access pattern based upon at least part of a user's history of accessing the regularly accessed device;

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to detect a first access to said regularly accessed device;

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to determine a time interval in accordance with the normal access pattern;

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to detect a second access to said regularly accessed device; and

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to determine whether said second access is made within said time interval of said first access.

Claim 14 (original): The computer program product of claim 13 wherein said regularly accessed device is a temperature controlled compartment.

Claim 15 (original): The computer program product of claim 13 further comprising:

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to signal, if said second access is not made within said time interval of said first access.

Claim 16 (original): The computer program product of claim 15 wherein said computer readable code configured to cause a computer to signal comprises:

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to send a signal to a healthcare provider.

Claim 17 (original): The computer program product of claim 16 wherein said computer readable code configured to cause a computer to send comprises:

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to transmit said signal via a computer network.

Claim 18 (original): The computer program product of claim 13 further comprising:

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to interact with a backup power source configured to power said regularly accessed device.

Claim 19 (new): The automatic health monitoring system of claim 1, wherein the regularly accessed device is selected from the list consisting of a household appliance, a television, a radio, an oven, a toilet, a faucet, a motion-sensing light and a computer.

Claim 20 (new): The automatic health monitoring system of Claim 1, wherein the regularly accessed device is not associated with any medication.